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Serial No. 10/284,016 filed October 29, 2002 (Atty. Dckt. No. 1029-358)

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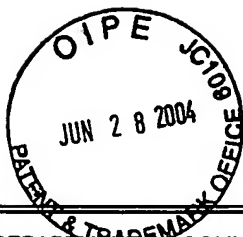
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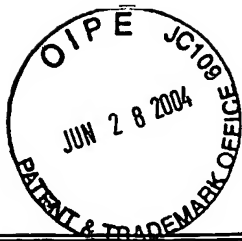


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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	88	3M Unitek Corporation Catalog (1990), pp. 1-1, 1-3 and 3-7
	89	Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or Declaration for International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/34430 filed October 29, 2003
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